

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1 (Currently Amended): A protective tape used for an optical member: comprising a plastic film base, a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed on one side of the plastic film base and a treated layer formed on an opposite side of the plastic film base,

wherein the treated layer has a structure in which
a copolymer (A) including

(a) an alkyl (meth)acrylate having an alkyl group with carbon numbers of 8 to 20;

(b) (meth)acrylonitrile; and

(c) a monomer having functional groups copolymerizable with the component (a) and the component (b), as—wherein the components (a), (b), and (c) are copolymerization components,

is cross-linked by a cross-linking agent.

2 (Currently Amended): The protective tape used for an optical member according to Claim 1, wherein the component (c) is a monomer having a carboxyl group.

3 (Currently Amended): The protective tape used for an optical member according to Claim 1, wherein the plastic film base is a polyester film.

4 (Currently Amended): A treated layer forming agent used for a protective tape ~~used for optical member~~: comprising

a copolymer (A) including

(a) an alkyl (meth)acrylate having an alkyl group with carbon numbers of 8 to 20;

(b) (meth)acrylonitrile; and

(c) a monomer having functional groups copolymerizable with the component (a) and the component (b), wherein the components (a), (b), and (c) are as-copolymerization components, and

a cross-linking agent.

5 (Currently Amended): An optical film with a protective tape, wherein said protective tape is a protective tape of Claim 1, and said protective tape is attached ~~on~~ to the optical film.

6 (Currently Amended): An image viewing display with a protective tape, wherein said protective tape is a protective tape of Claim 1, and said protective tape is attached ~~on~~to the image viewing display.

7 (Currently Amended): A method of using a protective tape of Claim 1 comprising the steps of:

providing an optical film; and

attaching said protective tape ~~on~~to the optical film.

8 (Currently Amended): A method of using a protective tape of Claim 1 comprising the steps of:

providing an image viewing display; and

attaching said protective tape ~~on~~to the image viewing display.

9 (New): A protective tape used for an optical member, comprising:

a plastic film base;

a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed on one side of the plastic film base;

and

a treated layer formed on an opposite side of the plastic film base and having a structure in which a copolymer (A) constituted by

(a) an alkyl (meth)acrylate having an alkyl group with carbon numbers of 8 to 20;

(b) (meth)acrylonitrile; and

(c) a monomer having functional groups copolymerized with the components (a) and (b), wherein the components (a), (b), and (c) are copolymer constituents,

is further cross-linked by a cross-linking agent having at least two functional groups having reactivity with functional groups present in the monomer to form a cross-link structure.

10 (New): The protective tape of Claim 9, wherein the monomer includes carboxyl groups.

11 (New): The protective tape of Claim 10, wherein the cross-linking agent is selected from the group consisting of polyisocyanate compounds, polyamine compounds, melamine resins, urea resins, and epoxy resins.

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12 (New): The protective tape of Claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylonitrile is from 5/95 to 40/60.

13 (New): The protective tape of Claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylonitrile is from 10/90 to 20/80.

14 (New): The protective tape of Claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of (alkyl (meth)acrylate + (meth)acrylonitrile)/monomer is from 100/20 to 100/60.

15 (New): The protective tape of Claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of (alkyl (meth)acrylate + (meth)acrylonitrile)/monomer is from 100/30 to 100/50.

16 (New): The protective tape of Claim 1, wherein the weight average molecular weight (GPC) of copolymer (A) is from 10,000 to 150,000.

17 (New): The protective tape of Claim 1, wherein the weight average molecular weight (GPC) of copolymer (A) is from 30,000 to 100,000.

18 (New): The protective tape of Claim 1, wherein the cross-linking agent is selected from the group consisting of polyisocyanate compound, polyamine compound, melamine resin, urea resin, and epoxy resin.